

**MINNESOTA BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE
BOARD MEETING
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March 10, 2012

The Minnesota Board of Medical Practice met on March 10, 2012, at its offices in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The following Board members were present for both Public and Executive Sessions, unless otherwise indicated: Jon Thomas, M.D., MBA, President; Gregory Snyder, M.D., DABR; Debbie Boe; Mark A. Eggen, M.D.; V. John Ella, J.D.; Subbarao Inampudi, M.D., FACR; Bradley Johnson, M.D.; Kelli Johnson, MBA; Gerald Kaplan, MA, LP; Ernest Lampe, II, M.D.; James Langland, M.D.; Tracy Tomac, M.D.; Joseph Willett, D.O.

PUBLIC SESSION

The minutes of the March 10, 2012, Board meeting were received and approved as circulated.

Nanette Larson, Director of Health Services, and Dr. David Paulson, Medical Director from the Department of Corrections, gave an overview of the prison system, which included chemical dependency, healthcare delivery, drug diversion, complaints filed by inmates against physicians and the board's Complaint Review process.

Discussion followed regarding the current system of processing inmate complaints.

The board took a five minute break.

On recommendation of the Licensure Committee, physician applicants 1 - 129 of the agenda were approved for licensure subject to the receipt of verification documents.

On recommendation of the Licensure Committee, physician applicants 130 - 134 of the agenda were approved for Emeritus registration.

On recommendation of the Acupuncture Advisory Council, acupuncturist applicants 135 - 143 of the agenda were approved for licensure subject to the receipt of verification documents.

On recommendation of the Athletic Trainers Advisory Council, athletic trainer applicants 144 - 151 of the agenda were approved for registration subject to the receipt of verification documents.

On recommendation of the Physician Assistant Advisory Council, physician assistant applicants 152 - 189 of the agenda were approved for licensure subject to the receipt of verification documents.

On recommendation of the Respiratory Therapist Advisory Council, respiratory therapist applicants 190 - 202 of the agenda were approved for licensure subject to the receipt of verification documents.

On recommendation of the Naturopathic Doctor Advisory Council, naturopathic doctor applicant 203 of the agenda was approved for licensure subject to receipt of all verification documents.

Bradley Johnson, M.D., Chair of the Licensure Committee presented the minutes of the February 16, 2012, Licensure Committee Meeting.

Dr. Johnson noted the following items from the February 16, 2012, Licensure Committee meeting minutes:

1. The Committee met with the physician applicant because of an illness. The Committee was assured the medical condition would not interfere with the physician's ability to practice safely and recommended approval of an unrestricted license.
2. The physician applicant had not engaged in clinical practice since 1998. The Committee reviewed the application and recommended approval of an unrestricted license. The applicant has been practicing laboratory medicine since 1998 and will continue to do so in Minnesota.
3. The physician applicant was dismissed from a residency program on the basis of lack of professionalism. The Committee reviewed the application and recommended denial with the option to withdraw.
4. The physician assistant applicant had not practiced within the last sixteen years. The Committee reviewed the application and decided to approve a temporary permit pending Dr. Inampudi's approval of a three month re-entry plan.
5. The respiratory therapist applicant was practicing without a license. The Committee reviewed the application and recommended licensure with a reprimand, a penalty, and continuing education consistent with previous applicants.
6. Respiratory therapist work experience in the military. The Committee reviewed the application and recommended approval of licensure by reciprocity based on working for the military.

The minutes and actions of the February 16, 2012, meeting of the Licensure Committee were received and approved as circulated.

Dr. Thomas and Mr. Leach briefed the board on their appearance before the Sunset Advisory Commission which resulted from the Star and Tribune articles.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding the positive, negative, and unintended consequences of listing malpractice data on the board's website for public consumption.

Mr. Leach informed Board members that the annual meeting of the Federation of State Medical Boards will be held April 26 – 28, 2012, in Fort Worth, Texas at the Omni Fort Worth Hotel and instructed the Board on the reservation procedures. Mr. Leach reminded board members that they must go through Travel Leaders for their airline reservations in order to be reimbursed for plane tickets.

Ms. Boe asked if physician assistants that work at a Federal facility need to be licensed. Ms. Hoffman, Licensure Supervisor didn't think so, but wasn't sure. Others thought that they needed to be licensed or certified and if a complaint was filed against a physician assistant working at a Federal facility, the complaint would be sent to the state where they held their license.

Ms. Boe stated that one of the comments from the Star and Tribune articles was that hospitals and clinics are required to notify the board when a physician's work privileges are restricted or suspended, but there are no penalties for failing to report. Ms. Boe asked if board staff should be doing something to prompt hospital and clinics to notify the board when physicians have their work privileges restricted or suspended. Dr. Thomas stated that the Star and Tribune article infers that the board knows that clinics and hospitals are not reporting, actually the board does

not know this. Mr. Leach stated that in the Sunset Law there is a provision that will require a civil penalty if the hospital or clinic doesn't report the physician.

Ms. Boe asked what the board's role will be regarding on-line health research studies as it pertains to electronic health surveys. Mr. Leach stated that the board is not set-up to address system issues regarding on-line health surveys. Currently the board has authority to investigate a complaint against an individual that the board credentials or if the healthcare practitioner engages in the practice of medicine without a license.

Dr. Johnson stated that he is honored to have served on the board for eight years. Dr. Johnson stated he served on the Licensure Committee for both of his board terms and acknowledged Jeanne Hoffman, Licensure Supervisor, for the incredible work she does and his immense appreciation. The board gave a round of applause.

Dr. Thomas informed the board of one Corrective Action Agreement that was implemented since the last board meeting.

End of public session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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WILLIAM H. SHULER, M.D.

On recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee, the Stipulation and Order for reprimand signed by Dr. Shuler was approved.

PHUC V. TRAN, M.D.

On recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee, the Stipulation and Order for reprimand and restricted license signed by Dr. Tran was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Keith Berge, M.D.
Secretary
MN Board of Medical Practice

May 2, 2012
Date